GREAT BRITAIN, Statutes.

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Anno Regni
GEORGII
REGIS
Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,
OCTAVO.

At the Parliament Begun and Holden at *Weſtminſter*, the Seventeenth Day of *March*, *Anno Dom.* 1714. In the Firſt Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE*, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence Continued by ſeveral Prorogations to the Nineteenth Day of *Octobor*, 1721. Being the Eighth Seſſion of this preſent Parliament.

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LONDON,
Printed by *John Baſkett*, Printer to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty, And by the Aſſigns of *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, deceas'd. 1722.

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An Act to enable His Majesty effectually to prohibit Commerce (for the space of One Year) with any Country that is or shall be infected with the Plague; and for shortning the Continuance of an Act passed in the Seventh Year of His Majesties Reign, Intituled, *An Act for repealing an Act made in the Ninth Year of Her late Majesty Queen* Anne, Intituled, *An Act to oblige Ships coming from Places infected, more effectually to perform their Quarentine; and for the better preventing the Plague being brought from Foreign Parts into* Great Britain *or* Ireland, *or Isles of* Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, *or* Man; *and to hinder the spreading of Infection.*

Whereas several Places in Foreign Parts, having for some time past been, and still continuing to be visited with the Plague, it may be judged necessary by His Majesty, for securing His Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, from so dreadful a Calamity, to prohibit or restrain the Commerce between His Majesties Subjects and those of any other Country or Place, which is or shall be infected with the Plague: And whereas it will be requisite to enforce such Prohibition

or Restraint by severe Penalties; Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Kings Majesty (in whose great Wisdom and Care for the Preservation of His People, they do, under the Divine Protection, confide) by One or more Proclamation or Proclamations to be issued at any time or times before the Twelfth Day of December, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and twenty two, under the Great Seal of Great Britain, to prohibit or forbid all and every Person and Persons to visit, go to, or frequent any Kingdom, Country, or Place, which is or shall be infected with the Plague; and also to prohibit or forbid all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate whatsoever, to ship, export, carry, or send, or cause or procure to be shipped, exported, carried, or sent, directly or indirectly, from or out of the Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, and any the Dominions thereunto belonging, unto any Kingdom, Country, or Place, which is or shall be infected with the Plague, to be specified in such Proclamation or Proclamations, any Goods, Wares, Commodities, or Merchandizes whatsoever, for and during such time and times, before or until the Five and twentieth Day of March, which shall be in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and twenty three, as shall be specified in such Proclamation or Proclamations, under the Penalties herein after mentioned, and in such Manner and Form, and under such Regulations, as in and by such Proclamation and Proclamations respectively, shall be prescribed.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Kings Majesty, by the same, or any other Proclamation or Proclamations, to be issued at any time or times before the said Twelfth Day of December, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and twenty two, under the said Great Seal, to prohibit or forbid all and every Person and Persons whatsoever, to come or pass from any Kingdom, Country, or Place, which is or shall be infected with the Plague, to be specified in such Proclamation or Proclamations, into the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, or the Dominions thereunto belonging, or any of them; and also to prohibit or forbid all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate whatsoever, to import or bring, or cause or procure to be imported or brought, directly or indirectly, into Great Britain, Ireland, or any the Dominions thereunto belonging, any Goods, Wares, Commodities, or Merchandizes

dizes whatsoever, from any Kingdom, Country, or Place, that is or shall be infected with the Plague, to be specified in such Proclamation or Proclamations, for and during such time and times, before or until the said Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred twenty three, as shall be specified in such Proclamation or Proclamations, under the Penalties herein after mentioned, and in such Manner and Form, and under such Regulations, as in and by such Proclamation or Proclamations respectively, shall be prescribed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Goods, Wares, Commodities, and Merchandizes, which shall be exported, or shipped for Exportation, contrary to the Tenor and true Meaning of such Proclamation or Proclamations, and of this Act, and the Ships or Vessels upon which they shall be so exported, or shipped for Exportation, and all the Tackle, Furniture, and Apparel thereof, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized wheresoever they can be found; and such Seizures shall and may be sued for, prosecuted, and recovered, by the same Ways and Means, and by such Rules and Remedies, and in such Manner, as any Goods seized for unlawful Importation or Exportation, shall and may be sued for and recovered: And moreover, that all and every such Person and Persons, who shall have exported, or shipped for Exportation, or caused to be exported, or shipped for Exportation, any such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, contrary to the Tenor and true Meaning of any such Proclamation, and of this Act, shall forfeit double the Value thereof, to be ascertained and recovered as the Value of any uncustomed or prohibited Goods is by Law to be ascertained and recovered.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if at any time or times, after the issuing and publishing such Proclamation or Proclamations respectively, as aforesaid, any Person or Persons shall visit, go to, or frequent any Kingdom, Country, or Place, which is or shall be infected with the Plague, contrary to the Tenor and true Meaning of such Proclamation or Proclamations, and of this Act; then and in every such case the Person or Persons so offending, shall incur and suffer such Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as were ordained and provided by the Statute of Provision and Præmunire, made in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of King Richard the Second; And that if at any time or times aforesaid, any Ship or Vessel, Person or Persons, coming from any Kingdom, Country, or Place, which is or shall be infected with the Plague, shall attempt to enter any Port or Place within the Kingdom of Great Britain

or Ireland, or any of the Dominions thereunto belonging, contrary to the Tenor and true Meaning of such Proclamation or Proclamations, and of this Act; It shall and may be lawfull for any Person or Persons whatsoever, and they are hereby required to resist and oppose the Entrance of such Ship or Vessel, Person or Persons, into such Port or Place, and the Landing of any Goods or Merchandizes out of such Ship or Vessel, or to oblige such Ship or Vessel, Person or Persons, to depart out of the same, and to use all necessary Means for the Purposes aforesaid, be it by Firing of Guns upon such Ship or Vessel, Person or Persons, or any other kind of Force whatsoever: And in case any such Ship or Vessel, Person or Persons, coming from any Kingdom, Country, or Place infected, as aforesaid, to be specified in such Proclamation or Proclamations, or any Goods or Merchandizes brought on board the same, shall actually enter or be landed in any such Port or Place, as aforesaid, contrary to the Tenor and true Meaning of such Proclamation or Proclamations, and of this Act, every such Person so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and suffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy; and such Ship or Vessel, Goods or Merchandizes, so actually entring into, or being landed in any such Port or Place, contrary to the Tenor and true Meaning of any such Proclamation, and of this Act, shall be forfeited; and also it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, by His or their Order in Council, to direct, authorize, and impower any Person or Persons whatsoever, to burn or destroy, or cause to be burnt or destroyed, such Ship or Vessel, and the Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture thereof, and Cargo on board the same, and also such Goods and Merchandizes so landed, as aforesaid: And moreover, that all and every Person and Persons, who shall have caused and procured any such Goods or Merchandizes to be imported contrary to the Tenor and true Meaning of any such Proclamation, and of this Act, shall forfeit treble the Value thereof, to be ascertained and recovered, as the Value of any uncustomed or prohibited Goods is by Law to be ascertained and recovered.

And it is hereby Enacted, That Two Third Parts of all and every the said Penalties and Forfeitures to be sued for and recovered by virtue of this Act, shall be to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the Charges of Prosecution and Recovery being born by His Majesty, and the other Third Part to the Use of him or them, who shall seize, inform, or sue for the same.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That an Act passed in the Seventh Year of his present Majesties Reign, Intituled, An Act for repealing an Act made in the Ninth Year of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, Intituled, *An Act to oblige Ships coming from Places infected, more effectually to perform their Quarentine*; And for the better preventing the Plague being brought from Foreign Parts into *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or Isles of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man*; and to hinder the spreading of Infection, or any thing therein contained, shall not continue in Force any longer than until the said Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred twenty three; Any thing in the said Act contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

FINIS.